



NEWSLETTER

June 13, 2014

Dear Lakefront Property Owners,

We would like to thank everyone for the *extremely* positive response that we have had to date. It is very obvious that the majority of you that call Lake Erling “home” realize that if The AGRED Foundation had not stepped up to the plate, the lake’s future could very easily be turning it into a wetlands mitigation bank. To date, we have dealt with 151 lakefront property owners that have given us very positive remarks, and have thanked *us* for the work we are doing and will continue to do, working hard in sustaining the lake for generations to come.

The low easement prices, for those who do not have a prior easement, seem to have surprised many: \$25.00 annually for 0-99 linear feet of shoreline, and \$50.00 annually for 100+ linear feet of shoreline. The AGRED Foundation is respecting all previous easements, and obviously over sixty years there has been many forms of easements provided in deeds. We want to reiterate that if you have an easement of *any* kind, we will honor that easement. If not, you will be provided an easement at the very low rate mentioned above. We are not acquiring, or asking to acquire, *any* land. Your property line stays the same – we are not asking you to move it in any way.

Our representatives are working very hard trying to get to everyone as soon as possible. If you haven’t already been visited, please be expecting our representatives soon. Our permit form asks if you have an easement – if your answer is yes, please have your deeds, easements, and/or other documentation on hand to help speed up this process. They will go over any questions you might have, and provide you with our Land Use Policies Handbook. The AGRED Foundation has created this Land Use Policies Handbook based on many other lake use policies in the Ark-La-Tex, hoping to give you easier access to information to help improve your property. We feel that this policy will be very helpful in the future, giving you information such as how to build retainer walls, dig access canals in shallow water areas, kill unwanted vegetation, etc. This lake management plan will help keep Lake Erling beautiful for generations to come.

Please remember that all of this hard work is going towards finding the funding to keep water in the lake. Without funding for the spillway, water control structure, and dam maintenance, there is no future for our lake. 100% of these easement and permit fees are going straight to the Lake Erling Maintenance Account. Every check written needs to be made out to this “The AGRED Foundation Lake Erling Maintenance Account.”

Once again, thank you all so very much for the wonderful, positive responses we have gotten thus far. Reasonable, business-minded people know that there has to be some kind of annual funding to preserve Lake Erling.

Thank You Very Much,

The AGRED Foundation

Budget Plans for the Future:

- Water Control Structure - 2 gate replacements, rollers, & rails (8 years) - Cost of Maintenance=\$200,000 (Pro-Rated) - Estimated Annual Cost=\$25,000
- Spillway caulking & water control structure 5-year maintenance - Cost of Maintenance= \$100,000 (Pro-Rated) - Estimated Annual Cost=\$20,000
- Labor - Levee/Park mowing after hay-baling, litter pickup, daily maintenance, lake level water meter readings, & weekly/monthly inspections - Estimated Annual Cost=\$48,000
- Equipment - Lawn mowers, weed-eaters, transportation mileage, bush-hogs, tractors, fuel, & hand tools (depreciation costs) - Estimated Annual Cost=\$21,600
- Arkansas Department of Natural Resources - Annual lake permits and inspections - Estimated Annual Cost=\$9,200
- Attorney & Accounting Fees - Estimated Annual Cost=\$9,500
- Secretarial & Office Supply Costs - Estimated Annual Cost=\$14,400

TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST = \$147,700